

Notice No.: 98-003

Date: February 25, 1998

Applies to: Office of the Administrator for the Courts

Subject: New Judge *Pro Tempore* Service

New judge *pro tempore* service created

A new type of *pro tempore* service for the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals was created by Engrossed Senate Bill (ESB) 5774 (Chapter 88, Laws of 1997), effective July 27, 1997. The law may be applied to any judge of the Supreme Court or Court of Appeals whose term expires with cases pending.

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is authorized to appoint such a judge to *pro tempore* service for up to sixty days. A justice appointed as judge *pro tempore* of the Supreme Court and a judge appointed as judge *pro tempore* of the Court of Appeals shall continue to receive compensation in accordance with the rates applicable to the justice or judge immediately before the expiration of the term. Retirement laws of the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and the Judicial Retirement System (JRS) have been amended to account for the new *pro tempore* service.

The Department of Retirement Systems (DRS) administers the retirement provisions

During the period of *pro tempore* service, the justice or judge will continue to make contributions to and earn service credit from the retirement system of which he or she is a member.

A justice or a judge who begins *pro tempore* service immediately upon the expiration of his or her term will continue in service as a justice or judge and will not be eligible for retirement benefits for the duration of the *pro tempore* appointment.

A retired judge appointed under the provisions of RCW 2.04.240(1) or RCW 2.06.150(1) will continue to receive his or her retirement benefit from the retirement system from which the judge is retired, within the constraints imposed by the appropriate retirement system laws.

Note: For additional information refer to the following Sections of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW):

RCW 2.04.240(1)	RCW 2.10.030(8)
RCW 2.04.240(2)	RCW 2.10.155(1)
RCW 2.06.150(1)	RCW 41.40.010(9)
RCW 2.06.150(2)	RCW 41.40.193

Questions?

If you have questions regarding the information in this Notice, please contact the PERS Plan Administrator at (360) 709-4755 or the JRS Plan Administrator at (360) 709-4726. To use the toll free menu selection system for a DRS staff member, call 1-800-547-6657.

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